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GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Inter-American Foundation (IAF) is reactivating its fellowship support for dissertation work by candidates for Ph.D. degrees from U.S. universities. The IAF expects to award up to 11 fellowships supporting research in Latin America and the Caribbean undertaken between June 1, 2007 and May 31, 2008.

The IAF is now accepting applications from students in the social sciences, physical sciences, technical fields and the professions as related to grassroots development issues. The awards provide international transportation to the field research site and a monthly stipend for a maximum period of 12 months. Fellows must have advanced to Ph.D. candidacy by the date they begin their IAF-sponsored research. For more information on the awards, eligibility criteria and application procedures, visit <http://www.iie.org/iaf>.

IAF's fellowships are awarded based on both development and scholarly criteria. They are intended to help build a community of professionals and scholars knowledgeable about grassroots development. Before discontinuing its program in 1999, the IAF had supported nearly 1,000 fellows from the United States and 28 countries. Fellows conducting field research in 36 countries were associated with some 4,000 development and applied research organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The IAF was created in 1969 by the United States Congress to fund the self-help initiatives of the organized poor in Latin America and the Caribbean and the groups that directly support them. For more on the IAF, log on to www.iaf.gov.

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